

Three Riverside schools rank in nation's top six percent



Riverside is proud to announce that three of its schools were recently ranked in the top six percent of Newsweek's "America's Best High Schools 2010." The three high ranking schools are Riverside Poly, J.W. North and Martin Luther King.

Each year, Newsweek picks the best high schools in the country based on how hard school faculty work to challenge students with advanced placement college-level courses and tests. They take the total number of Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate or Cambridge tests given at a school each year and divide by the number of seniors graduating. The schools that achieved a ratio of at least 1.000, meaning they had as many tests in 2009 as they had graduates, were put on the list. This year only six percent of the approximately 27,000 U.S. public high schools reached this standard.

To see the full list of schools or read more about the rankings, visit <http://www.newsweek.com/feature/2010/americas-best-high-schools.html>

About the schools

Poly High School, Riverside's oldest high school, dates back to 1887. Poly boasts a wide variety of academic programs and excellent student performance helping them earn the Newsweek ranking several years in a row.

J.W. North opened in 1965 and serves approximately 2,500 students. They are the only high school in the Riverside Unified School District (RUSD) to offer the International Baccalaureate honors program and Chinese language courses.

Martin Luther King is the newest RUSD High School and has already been honored twice as a California Distinguished School, most recently in 2009. King's engineering academy was recognized as one of the top 10 such programs in the country.

To learn more about these schools or other Riverside schools, visit homeinriverside.com.



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